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Schooner *Little Fannie* Log-book

1865

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Abstract

Schooner *Little Fannie*
Log-book, 1865
1 volume
Fishing schooner from Westport, Maine
This collection contains a single log-book for the fishing schooner *Little Fannie* of Westport, Maine. It records several voyages, all likely in the cod fishery, between April and November, 1865. Daily catch totals, weather, and the schooner's general position are routinely recorded.
Language: English
Gift of Sean P. Clark.
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Finding aid (folder level control) in repository.

Added entries—persons:
Jewett, Chandler M. (1839-1908)
Added entries—corporate bodies (including vessels):
Little Fannie (two-mast schooner : Boothbay, 1862)
Added entries—key terms:
Cod fisheries
Fisheries
Fishers
Fishery policy
Schooners

Acquisition

This log-book was donated to the museum by Sean P. Clark in 2013. It was given to Clark by a client from the Kennebunk area.

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on this collection.

Physical Condition

The volume is in good condition.

Related Materials

A diary kept by Chandler M. Jewett during and after the Civil War is in SM 50/3. Chandler M. Jewett commanded the *Little Fannie* in 1865, when this log-book was written.

Historical Note

The *Little Fannie* (two-mast schooner) was built in Boothbay, Maine, in 1862 by John P. Reed. The next year, Reed sold the 46-foot vessel to James Jewett and his sons, Amos M and Benjamin F. Jewett, all of Westport, Maine. The Jewetts were fishermen; James also outfitted fishing vessels and purchased and processed fish caught by other fishermen from his fish station in Westport.[1]

The Jewett family used the *Little Fannie* in the cod and mackerel fisheries, taking trips to "The Banks" as well as local fishing grounds. Various family members commanded the vessel, including James, Benjamin, and Benjamin's first cousin, Chandler M. Jewett, who lived in Georgetown, Maine. The Jewetts sold *Little Fannie* in Portland in 1865.

Scope and Content Note

This log-book records at least three separate fishing voyages made by the schooner *Little Fannie* between April and November 1865, mostly under the command of Chandler M. Jewett. Daily entries include the number of fish caught by individual crew members, bait fishing, weather patterns, and, occasionally, locations. Voyages range from two weeks to several months in length.

The log-book itself is printed in a standard format to record catch data for the federal cod fishing bounty, and includes detailed printed instructions on how that bounty would be calculated. It is likely that only the *Little Fannie*'s cod-fishing voyages are recorded in this volume, though other activities, like mackerel fishing, are mentioned.

Box and Folder List

Box	Folder	
1	1	Logbook, *Little Fannie*, 1865

[1] Cora J. Tarbox, *Westport Island, Maine, 1605-1972* (n.p. 2011): 57.